

maimed, no more dead over which to mourn, but only life and the strength to build a better nation and a better world.

Let us pray for peace and work for peace. As we commemorate the service of those who fought in all of our wars, let us pray that all those who are working for a world without war shall attain their goal. Let us pray that the people of our age and of the ages to come will not know the pains and the agonies of the battlefield. Let us pray that our statesmen may find a common understanding with the statesmen of other nations, so that all the nations of the world may live together in peace. As we, in this celebration, commune with the brave dead of past wars, let us renew our determinations to go forward, as once they did, toward the building of a better world.

Some years ago I read in a veterans magazine a prayer. It was called "Armistice Day Prayer," for this holiday, as you know, was know as Armistice Day instead of Veterans Day until it was changed by law in 1954. This is the prayer:

"Our Father who art in heaven —

We thank You for this Armistice Day which we observe at peace, and beseech You to give to all men's hearts, hands and minds the capacity to work for continued peace.

Let us not through greed and false values permit destruction of all the beauty which has been wrought since You first created our world.

Help us to turn swords into ploughshares that all may have enough to eat. Help us to turn atomic energy into life-saving use that will lengthen man's span rather than blow him to dust.

Let us hold in affection and respect all those who are made in Your image around the world — whatever their race, color or creed.

Then we will not sadden you with more warring; then this Armistice Day will truly signify peace at last — to last.

Amen."

Let us who have gathered here to acknowledge the services and the sacrifices of those who have fought in our wars solemnly repeat this prayer to Almighty God. Let us plead for the strength and the capacity to continue our work for peace, to the end that His mighty handiwork, the earth and its inhabitants, may not suffer destruction. Let us pray that the terrible implements of war may be turned into implements of peace. Let us foster the brotherhood of all human beings, so that this Veterans Day, and all the Veterans Days to come,